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10/028601

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Title:

OPTICAL FILTERS FOR MANIPULATING SPECTRAL POWER DISTRIBUTION

IN ACCELERATED WEATHERING DEVICES

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 7, 2003. Claims 1-18 are pending. Claims 1-18 were restricted under 35 USC § 121 as follows:

- I. Claims 1-10 and 18 are said to be drawn to an optical fiber, classified in Class 359, subclass 885+;
- II. Claims 11-17 are said to be drawn to an optical fiber with specific irradiance ratios, classified in Class 359, subclass 350+;

Election

In response, Applicants elect Group II (i.e., claims 11-17), with traverse.

Reconsideration and withdrawal or modification of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

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## Conclusion

Applicants have elected Group II. Continued prosecution of this application is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the indicated telephone number with questions that can be resolved with a simple teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,

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